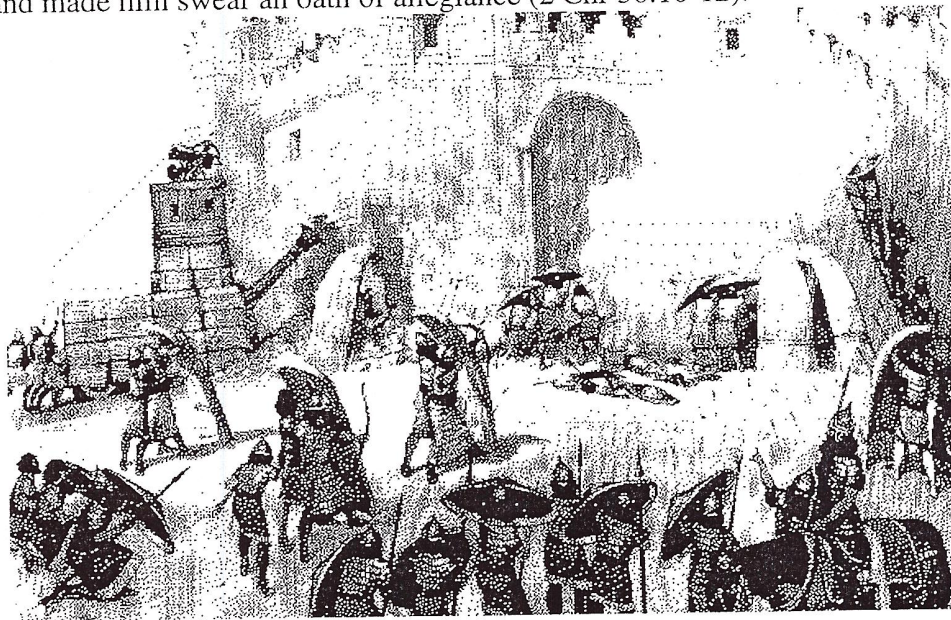




The Babylonian Captivity

605 B.C. - 539 B.C.

The Babylonians were Africans, Cushites, children of Ham, read Genesis 10:6-10. Their first king was Nimrod read Genesis 10:8-12 & 11:1-9. Babylon means "confusion" because it was there that the Lord confounded the language of the people. Around 605 BC. Often times *Babylon* is referred to as "*Mesopotamia*", this is a Greek word meaning "between the rivers," or *Ur of the Chaldeans* and always refers to the region between the Tigris and the Euphrates Rivers, an area which is today in Iraq, Turkey, and Syria. Nineveh and Assyria had fallen, and the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel were now his captives. It was just Egypt and Babylon who were seeking world supremacy. The young brilliant new king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, went out and defeated the Egyptians at Carchemish. He marched on to Judah, during Jehoiakim's reign, and took thousands of Hebrews back to Babylon (including Daniel, who became one of the greatest prophets). Nebuchadnezzar made two more attacks when he heard of rebellion in Judah. Each time he took captives (including Ezekiel the prophet). Only a remnant of the weakest, poorest, and least threatening Jews remained. King Nebuchadnezzar set up a puppet king (Zedekiah) of David's line to sit on the throne of Judah and made him swear an oath of allegiance (2 Chr 36:10-12).



Zedekiah was as faithless as the rest of the evil kings of Judah. He then rebelled and allied with other enemies. When Nebuchadnezzar heard he came back for the last time



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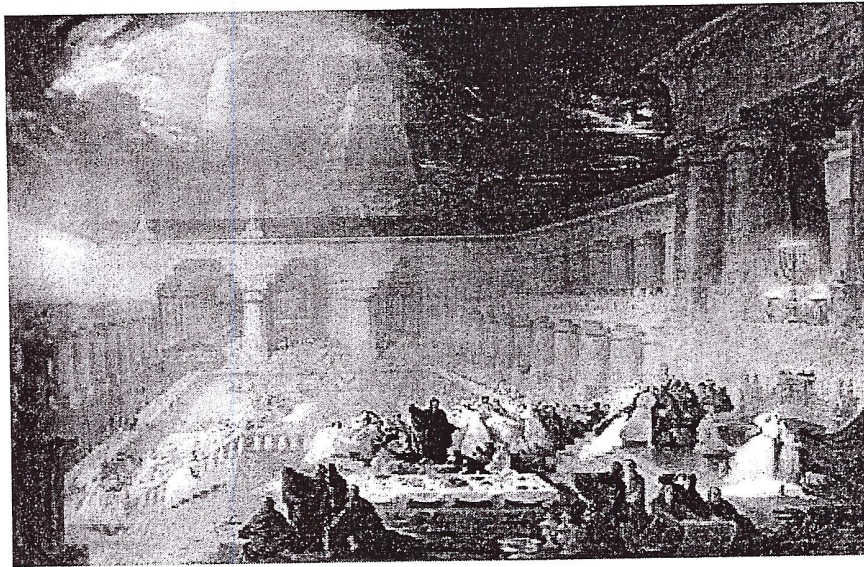
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Babylon

Daniel 7:[3] And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.
[4] The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.



(586 BC) to reduce Jerusalem to rubble and send the Temple up in flames. Zedekiah was forced to witness the slaughter of his sons, then his eyes were put out, and he himself was carried off to Babylon. The Kingdom was over and the "times of the gentiles" had begun. *2 Kin 24:13-14* 13 And he carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house, and he cut in pieces all the articles of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. 14 Also he carried into captivity all Jerusalem: all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths. None remained except the poorest people of the land. [Habakkuk, read *History of Bel and the Dragon* verse 33]



Foretelling of the rise of Persian- Mede Empire

One evening King Belshazzar had a great feast and desired to mock the Most High and the enslavement of Israel. Then fingers of a mans hand appeared to him and all his guests and began to write words upon a wall which none could interpret except the prophet Daniel.

Daniel 5:24 - Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

25 - And this [is] the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 - This [is] the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 - TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 - PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

29 - Then commanded Belshazzar and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and [put] a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 - In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

31 - And **Darius the Median took the kingdom**, [being] about threescore and two years old.

"MENE MENE TEKEL UPSARSIN"



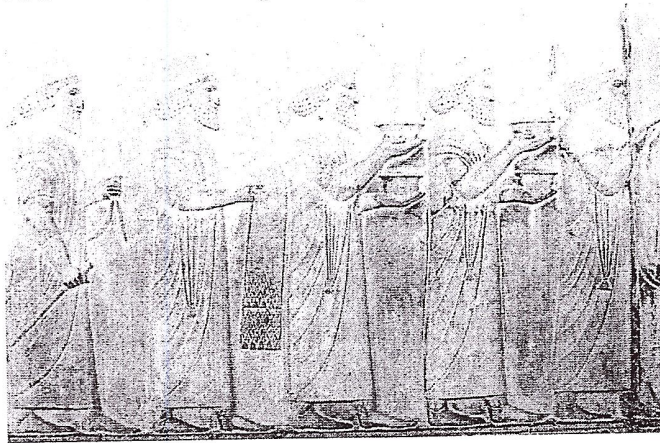
Timeline of Events B.C.

THE FIRST TEMPLE PERIOD

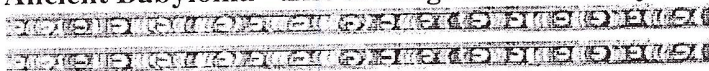
- 605 Babylonians conquer Assyria and defeat Egyptians at Carchemish
- 605 Nebuchadnezzar becomes king of Babylon
- 605 The Babylonians invade Judah
- 605 First wave of deportation of Jews to Babylon
- 605 Daniel is taken captive and begins to prophesy
- 601 Babylonians battle Egypt, both sides suffer losses
- 601 Judah decides to realign itself with Egypt, Jeremiah warns
- 597 Jehoachin becomes king of Judah
- 597 Babylonians capture Jerusalem
- 597 Second wave of deportation to Babylon from Judah.
- 597 Ezekiel is taken captive to Babylon
- 597 Zedekiah becomes king of Judah
- 593 Ezekiel begins to prophesy
- 586 The Babylonians destroy Jerusalem and the Temple (9th of Av)
- 586 Jerusalem's walls and gates are burned with fire
- 586 Third wave of Jews deported to Babylon
- 586 End of Biblical (First Temple) Period
- 586 The end of the monarchy in Judah
- 539 The Fall of Babylon
- 539 Beginning of the Persian Period to 333 B.C.

539 The Decree of Cyrus II allowing Jews to return

516 The Jews rebuild their Temple (70 years)



Ancient Babylonia - List of Kings and Neo-Babylonian Rulers



List of Kings

Hammurabi; 1792 – 1750 BC
Nabu-nadin-zer; 747-734 BC
Nabu-shum-ishkun III; 733-732 BC
Nabu-mukin-zer; 731-729 BC
Pul (Tiglath-pileser III); 729-727 BC
Ulula (Shalmaneser v); 727-722 BC
Merodach-baladan I; 722-710 BC.
Sargon; 710-705 BC
Sennacherib; 704-702 BC
Marduk-zakir-shum (1 month)
Merodach-baladan II (9 months)
Bel-ibni; 702-700 BC
Ashur-nadin-shum; 700-694 BC
Nergal-ushezib; 694-693 BC
Mushczib-Marduk; 692-689 BC
Sennacherib; 689-681 BC
Esarhaddon; 681-668 BC
Ashurbanipal; 668-626 BC
Shamash-shum-ukin; 668-648 BC
Kandalanu; 648-626 BC
Ashur-etil-ilani-ukin; 626

Neo-Babylonian Rulers

Nabopolassar- 625-604 BC

Nebuchadrezzar II (s)- 604-568 BC
Evil-Merodach (s)- 561-560 BC
Neriglissar (brother-in-law)- 559-556 BC
Labosoarchad (s)- 556 BC
Nabonidus- 555-539 BC
Belshazzar- 539 BC
Cyrus conquered Babylonia in 539 BC



Haile Selasie, last of Cushite Kings, placed under house arrest until his death in 1975. Birth name in 1892 was Tafari Makonnen.

